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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROSHI YOSHINO) Examiner: M. Nghiem
Application No.: 09/699,387) Group Art Unit: 2861
Filed: October 31, 2000)
For: INK JET APPARATUS AND)
WASTE LIQUID)
ABSORBING METHOD) April 29, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2001 for two months from February 27, 2002 to Monday, April 29, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$400.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on April 27, 2002

(Date of Deposit)

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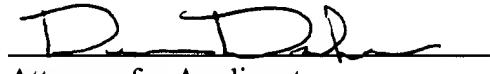
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Signature

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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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